

Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board Meeting - September 9, 2024

Attendees: Ti Mynk, Bob Munsey, Laura Orr, Rich Gilchrist, Roberta Goodman, Robert Hall, Richard Wendrock, Alan Bazard

Guests: Troy Ellett, JoAnn Dilworth

1. Ty called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Pastor Roberta led in an opening prayer.
3. Mary will send out the August minutes at a later date.
4. Laura presented the Financial Report for August.
 - A \$455 posting error was found in a 2022 transfer from Scholarships to the income for Women's Walk Pilgrims.
 - The overage for the Women's Walks seems to come from the "Needs" i.e., coffee creamer. Bob will adjust his purchase to include this item in the food budget. The creamer will also be added to the Agape list.
 - Robert Hall donated a 30-cup coffee maker from Five Stone Recovery Church.
5. JoAnn reported that the walk has 27 pilgrims registered.
 - The Conference Team has completed 3 meetings and the training, bonding and talks are all going well.
 - The Servant Team numbers has settled down to a good size because of people canceling for various reasons.
 - Prayer vigil slots must be filled and are open to anyone who wants to pray for the walk, not just the Emmaus community.
 - There are lots of openings for agape and food signups.
6. JoAnn reported that team applications for the Men's 2025 Walk have been coming in and may be complete.
7. JoAnn presented a Walk Cost Breakdown that estimates the cost per person on a walk at \$200 when the general fund covers the Upper Room registration cost of \$25.
 - The Board approved the motion made by Bob and seconded by Robert, to apply the Candlelight offering to walk expenses beginning with the 2024 Women's Walk and increase registration to \$200, beginning with the 2025 Men's Walk.
 - Laura will look into Venmo payments for offerings, donations and walk registrations.
8. Possible action on changing Gatherings to Sunday nights was removed from the agenda because of the numerous conflicts concerning a Sunday meeting.
9. JoAnn presented four requests for Pilgrim scholarships, two being for full scholarships and two with partial payments. The Board approved the motion of Alan and second by Bob to approve the scholarships. Scholarships are now approved for 5 Pilgrims, 2 Conference Team members, and 2 Servant Team members.
10. In order to realign Board terms, Robert Hall, Bob Munsey and Laura Orr agreed to extend their terms to 2025.
 - The Nominating Committee will present 3 members for the terms expiring in 2027.

- Roberta will contact Cody about stepping up to Spiritual Director and also contact a possible replacement for the term expiring in 2025.
11. JoAnn reported that the Upper Room training resources are mostly well done. She has a brief training presentation (10 minutes) on Sponsorship that can be presented at a Gathering.
 - The first training will be scheduled for the January 2025 Gathering.
 - Richard will work with JoAnn to produce a YouTube video so community members can be directed to the material if they are not at the Gathering.
 - Suggest that the training be scheduled after Announcements and before Worship begins.
 12. Richard reported that MailChimp has 605 emails going out. He sent an email to the 305 not opening the emails and learned that maybe they were received, but not opened. Four new contacts were added from the Llano gathering. Texts go out to 126 members.
 13. Richard raised an issue about spouses attending Gatherings as guests. Ti reminded us that Upper Room guidance is that anyone who has not been on a walk may be invited as a guest to the February (Valentine's Day) and December (Christmas) Gatherings only. The purpose is to encourage them to attend a walk so they can participate more fully.
 14. Richard asked if we take attendance at Gatherings. He counted 84 at Llano. The Worship Team will be asked to take the offering after the Passing of the Peace as the Praise team leads a song. The collectors will also take a count of attendance.
 15. Richard reminded us that there are guidelines for the 4th Day Speakers on the website. The talk should answer the three questions and be about 5-7 minute in length.
 16. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and Bob closed with prayer.